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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3 24 August 1961
ATTENTION : []
FROM : AC/EE/2
SUBJECT : Assassination of Stefan BANDERA

1. [] in a letter dated November 1959, reported as follows on the death of BANDERA:

"It is certain that the Ukrainian leader BANDERA was liquidated by the KGB. For 15 years the KGB and Department II (CE) of the UB have possessed powerful agents who sit in the Ukrainian national movement. Violent CE games were run above all on the territory of Poland and the Western Ukraine which cost your intelligence service, as well as the British, very much. The KGB from Moscow and Kiev has had its sights on BANDERA for years. They wanted to wait for the right moment, however, in order to bump him off. It has happened. This operation was directed by the KGB through Berlin-Karlshorst. It was directed by a good "friend" of Herz LIBERMANN, Col. "BIBROGOM" (this is a cover name). In addition this action was also supported by KGB channels from Prague. The technique of the operation was very simple. A KGB agent who stood very close to BANDERA alerted him that an interesting personality, who is of interest to the American IS, had defected from Soviet Russia. BANDERA went to a meeting which had been organized with this "personality" in an unknown restaurant in Munich. He had a discussion with the "defector," who was an officer of the KGB. This short discussion sufficed to squirt a drop of poison in the coffee cup, which proved fatal only after 10-15 hours. BANDERA saw this man for the first and simultaneously last time in his life. He was dead the next day. It was not cyanide, but a special poison which had been prepared by the KGB for "special purposes." Now the American IS office in Regensburg, which was upset by this, can chase the wind for a long time, when one notes that the KGB, through an agent sitting in this office, has played false clues into the investigation. This investigation is being checked on most thoroughly by the KGB. The liquidation of BANDERA took place at the right moment

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for the KGB. This is because an extremely important KGB agent will be "promoted upstairs" in the BANDERA movement or even will take over the position of BANDERA.

2. The above information was transmitted to COS/G in January 1960 for possible follow-up on the CIC Regensburg angle. There the matter died.

3. [] has not been queried in detail about this matter since [] action. You may wish to take up the subject during [] session with []

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